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SUBJECT: PLO EVACUATION FROM BEIRUT

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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. I INFORMED KING'S PRIVATE SECRETARY AND FONMIN SAUD'S OFFICE DIRECTOR AUGUST 30 THAT WE BELIEVE WE MUST PROCEED WITH EVACUATION ON THE SCHEDULE WE NOW HAVE. ALTHOUGH SENSITIVE TO THE CONCERNS SAG HAS EXPRESSED, ~~WE DARE NOT~~ **RISK COLLAPSE OF THE OVERALL PLAN.**

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2. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION OF LAST NIGHT AS TO WHY KING CANCELLED ALI SHAIR'S TRIP TO BEIRUT, PRIVATE SECRETARY RELAYED MESSAGE THAT KING DID NOT WISH SAUDI ARABIA TO BE ACCUSED OF DELAYING THE EVACUATION.

4. PRIVATE SECRETARY ASKED WHETHER WE HAD ANY INFORMATION OF BASHIR'S ACTIVITIES. I OBSERVED DRAPER'S STRICTURES (WOUK/MURPHY SECURE TELCON) AND DID NOT DISCUSS BASHIR'S THREATS RE PORT AND MNF. SAID MERELY THAT OUR BEST INFORMATION WAS THAT THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF DEPUTIES READY TO ATTEND NEXT MONDAY'S PARLIAMENTARY SESSION TO CONSTITUTE THE QUOPUM.

5. COMMENT. LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION OF SHAIR'S TRIP INDICATES KING DOES NOT WISH UPSET EVACUATION APPLICANT, HOWEVER UNHAPPY HE IS ABOUT THE DESTINATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER HE WILL CONTINUE SEEK TO CHANGE PLO PLANNING THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH ARAFAT. WHILE I DO NOT RULE THIS OUT, I THINK THE ODDS ARE AGAINST IT. MURPHY

END OF MESSAGE

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